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SUN INVESTIGATES

'Healthy Holly' books missing

Thousands unaccounted for; Pugh, UMMS give no documentation on deal

By Liz Bowie and Talia Richman
The Baltimore Sun

Tens of thousands of Mayor Catherine Pugh's "Healthy Holly" children's books have not been accounted for by the institution that paid for them or the mayor, even as public pressure builds amid accusations of "self-dealing" at the University of Maryland Medical System.

From 2011 through 2018, the University of Maryland Medical System had a deal to spend $500,000 for 100,000 copies of Pugh's self-published book series. The system placed five orders of 20,000 books at $5 each while Pugh sat on the hospital's board of directors. First reported by The Baltimore Sun, the deal was one of many the hospital network had with members of its board, and they have rattled public trust in the system.

Pugh

Pugh said she returned $100,000 in the last several days for the last 20,000 books in her series that are still being written. She's also stepped down from the hospital system's board.

That would mean 80,000 should have been printed and distributed. In the publishing world, that is an astounding number of books; for example, the first U.S. print run of "Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone" was for 50,000 copies.

The lack of documentation leaves unclear

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A selection of Healthy Holly books written by Baltimore Mayor Catherine Pugh.

THE REPORT Summary by Barr says no conclusion of obstruction of justice

THE REACTION Trump tweets about 'complete and total exoneration'

WHAT'S NEXT Congressional Dems plan to question attorney general

MUELLER FINDS NO CONSPIRACY

ERIC BARADAT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

President Donald Trump returns to the White House Sunday after spending the weekend in Florida. Trump declared he had been completely exonerated after his campaign was cleared of colluding with Russia in the 2016 election campaign.

By Devlin Barrett and Matt Zapotosky
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Special counsel Robert Mueller did not find that Donald Trump's campaign or any of his associates conspired with Russia in its efforts to interfere in the 2016 election, according to a summary of findings sent to lawmakers Sunday.

"The Special Counsel's investigation did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential election," the four-page summary by Attorney General William P. Barr said.

On whether the president might have sought to obstruct the high-profile investigation, Mueller's team did not offer a definitive answer.

Barr

Mueller

"The Special Counsel ... did not draw a conclusion — one way or the other — as to whether the examined conduct constituted obstruction," Barr's letter said.

"The Special Counsel states that 'while this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him,' " the letter said.

Trump responded on Twitter, writing "No Collusion, No Obstruction, Complete and Total EXONERATION. KEEP AMERICA GREAT!"

"It's a shame that our country had to go through this. To be honest, it's a shame that your president has had to go through this for — before I even got elected, it began. And it began illegally. And hopefully, somebody is going to look at the other side. This was an illegal takedown that failed," Trump, just before boarding Air Force One in Palm Beach, Fla., to return to Washington.

The highly anticipated summary of Mueller's investigation was sent to Congress on Sunday.

Mueller's central mission has been to determine if Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 election were aided or assisted in any way by Americans, including people

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SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

MARYLAND

YOUTHS MEET: Teens from Rep. Elijah Cummings youth program and from Jewish neighborhoods in Baltimore met to hear an address by the congressman, then discuss social justice issues, such as gun violence, school funding and food deserts. **NEWS PG 2**

WORLD & NATION

MORE TROUBLE FOR MAY: British Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond and other cabinet colleagues publicly backed Theresa May on Sunday as several British newspapers said the prime minister is under increasing pressure to stand down over her handling of Brexit. **NEWS PG 4**

DISASTER AID BILL: A battle over funding for Puerto Rico is complicating the path forward for a long-delayed disaster aid bill that's a top political priority for some of President Donald Trump's Republican allies. **NEWS PG 4**

TODAY'S WEATHER

MOSTLY CLOUDY

58 HIGH | **30** LOW

Mostly sunny Tuesday **SPORTS PG 10**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bill affecting cemetery to be withdrawn

Senator sought to overturn court ruling that blocked development in Pikesville

By Alison Knezevich and Pamela Wood
The Baltimore Sun

A state senator said he would withdraw an obscure bill that sought to undo a 2013 Maryland Court of Appeals decision blocking development at a Pikesville cemetery.

Residents who years ago went to court to stop a housing proposal at Druid Ridge Cemetery had cried fouled over the legislation, which was introduced late in the General Assembly session by a state senator from Montgomery County.

Community members questioned why Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher, a Democrat who represents the Washington suburbs, would sponsor a bill affecting a piece of property in Baltimore County. They said the legislation re-opened a dispute they thought long settled.

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A state senator said he plans to withdraw a bill that would reverse a court decision preventing development of an unused section of Druid Ridge Cemetery in Pikesville.

David B. Shapiro, a former state delegate and now president of the Dumbarton Improvement Association, which represents a neighborhood near the cemetery, called the legislation "a last-minute bill that was slipped in."

On Friday, following questions about

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